4.—FREE GRANTS OF TIMBER.

137. A comparative statement of free grants of timber which have been made during the past two years is given :—

No.	Forest Division.	1884-85.	1885-86.	1886-87.
		Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
1	North Thána	5 14 0	.....	50 0 0
2	South Thána...	1,759 4 0	619 13 0	336 5 0
3	East Khándesh	7 12 0	.....	.....
4	West Khándesh	1,360 13 5	1,221 13 5	1,639 4 0
5	Násik	209 12 6	477 5 5	348 10 4
6	Ahmednagar	9 15 0	.....	.....
7	Poona	295 11 0	740 0 0	120 0 0
8	Sátára	.....	100 0 0	52 8 0
9	Sholápur	.....	.....	... ..
10	Surat...	1,539 0 0	152 0 0	724 0 0
11	Panch Mahál	750 0 0	641 6 0	973 10 0
		5,938 1 11	3,952 5 10	4,244 5 4

138. In addition to the special free grants of timber, concessions of very considerable value are made in respect of the forests—to enjoy, to cut, and take. In the North Thána Division it is stated that timber of the inferior kinds valued at Rs. 17,175 has been taken from the forests by the poorer classes for building and repairing their huts. In the South Thána Division the value of the privileges exercised by the people in respect of forest produce during the year of the report is assessed at Rs. 2,55,248, made up as under :—

	Rs.
Firewood	1,90,740
Grazing and grass	23,386
Leaves, not including ráb	23,842
Fruit	200
Honey, wax, &c....	1,050
Ráb material	16,030
	2,55,248

139. In the Poona Division it is estimated that 1,69,770 acres of pasturage are enjoyed free inside the forests, and that Rs. 55,000 are sacrificed on this account ; and it may be safely estimated that the value of the produce of the forest estates in the Northern Circle, which the people appropriate in the shape of conceded privileges, exceeds considerably the total forest collections which are shown in the forest accounts.

5.—SUMMARY OF PRODUCE REMOVED FROM THE FORESTS.

140. The following is a summary of the timber and other forest produce removed from the forests during the year as compared with the preceding year :—

Description of Produce.	1885-86.		1886-87.	
	Number.	Khandis.	Number.	Khandis.
		Cubic feet.		Cubic feet.
(a) *Timber.*				
Teak logs, green	...	9,784	...	558
		Khandis.		
Do. dead	...	200	...	657
Teak rafters	3,17,576	...	7,75,784	...
Do. pieces	4,76,981	...	1,35,173	...
Do. posts	1,511	...	7,069	...
Do. beams	248	...	39	...
Do. ... ... Cart-loads.	7,780	...	29,926	...
Do. ... ... Head-loads.	...	...	12,155	...
Blackwood logs	...	1,476	...	...
Do. pieces	18	...	115	...